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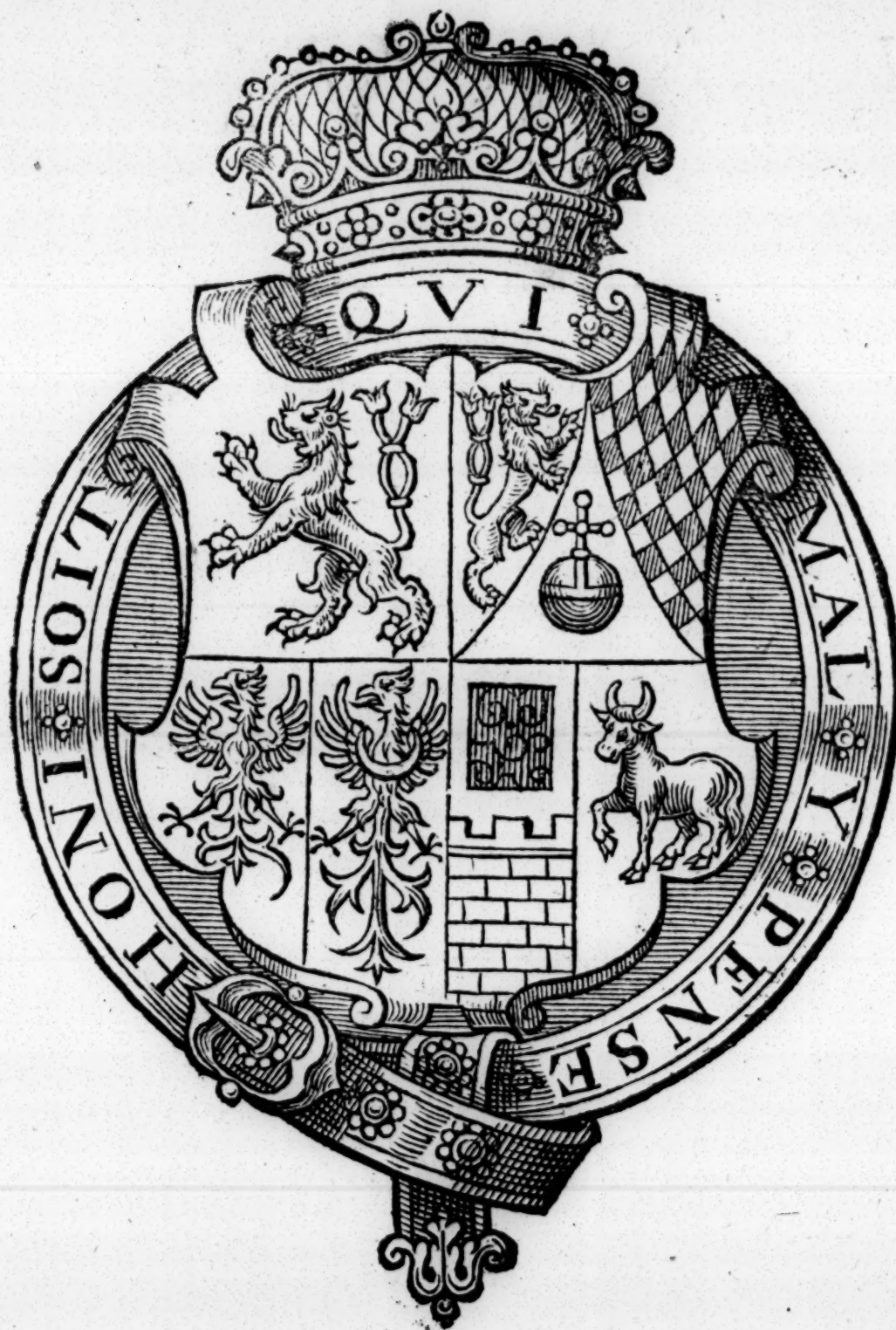
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*From Constantinople the 14. of May.*

**S**Ince the defeat giuen *Osman* the great Turke by the *Polonians* the last yeare, and returning hither to *Constantinople* himselfe in person, being much intraged at the ill successe against the Christians, grew into icalousie of his Ianizaries that they had not performed that seruice they might haue done, and he did expect, considering hee had so puissant and army, and so farre in number exceeding his aduersary; whereupon hee debarres them the payment of their ordinary stipends, whereat they much repined, and grew to consultation amongst themselues how to bee reuenged, and calling to minde the most vnnaturall and cruell murder he caused to bee done on his owne brother, as also many other of his both priuate and publicke actions, wherewith they were much offended, resolved to depose him, and to set at liberty his vnckle, and aduance him to the Empire, which they presently put in execution, for they seized on his person, and committed him to a sure guard in a place of the *Seraglio*, and immediately deliuers out of prison his vnckle *Mustapha*, and crownes him Empe-



ror, but before his coronation they required him to giue order for the strangling of his Nephew, which hee was loth to doe, but at last being pressed hard, gaue way thereunto, and so his death was put in execution. Whereupon his Vnckle being crowned, had a desire to goe to *Mecca* on proceffion, to eschew if it were possible the gouernment of the Empire, which hee seemeth loth to vndertake. This *Mustapha* being the thirteenth Emperor of the race of the *Ottoman*, it is said there is an ancient Prophecie, that hee shall be the last of the race; and that according to an ancient contract of Marriage betwixt the Great *Cham* of *Tartarie*, and the House of the *Ottoman*, That in case the issue male of the *Ottomans* should faile, the Title and Gouernment should descend to the House of the Great *Cham*. Vpon the death of the said *Osman*, fise of his principall Bashawes were likewise strangled; so that here is like to be great alteration; and that Warre, Miserie, and Desolation, is like to ensue in these Countries.

Wee heare from *Cracow*, that there is great dissention betwixt the States of *Poland* and the King; and that the States haue assembled 36000. men, and doe capitulate concerning diuers matters which haue beene done, and wherein they desire to bee resolved; especially concerning the late inuasion of their Countrey by the Turke, and the cause thereof; as also the rayfing of great summes of Money, and yet their souldiers left vnpayd. It is said, those souldiers doe keepe a great stirre amongst the Catholikes, and doe liue vpon them: what will ensue, time will produce.

*From Dermstat, Iune 5.*

Our Prince *Lodowick*, though he went out to meet the *Palsgrae* and *Mansfield* with much courtesie and complement, yet neuerthelesse was he & his yonger sonne carryed hence as prisoners, and in the Marquesse of *Badens* Coach was constrayned to follow the Army to *Manheim*, where he yet remayneth.

*From Manheim, Iune 2.*

The Landtgraeue of *Dermstat*, when he perceiued that his complements with which he came out to meet the King, would not serue his turne, when as an intercepted Letter which he wrote to the *Heidelbergers* to yeeld to *Tilley*, was shewed against him, fell to conditions of peace with the king, which were these:

1 That the Lantgraeue should consigne ouer into the King of *Bohemia's* hands his strongest frontier townes, which should be redeliuered at the end of the warre.

2 That he should presently pay 6000. Rixe dollars.

3 That he should endeuor to make a good peace.

4 That for a tie vpon him for performance, hee should deliuer one of his sonnes for hostage. But hemisliking such articles, fled disguised with his sonne and a Gentleman of his Chamber towards *Oppenheim*, but was taken by the Marquesse of *Baden*.

*From Dipperg, Iune 1.*

On Wednesday last, the *Palsegrae* Army came before our towne, as they were going to take the passage of *Aschburge*: but we were faine to redeeme our selues, and buy off their lodging in the towne; with a payment of 5000. Rixe dollars.

*From Hanaw, Iune 3.*

Within this weeke there haue diuers faire companies



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panies of the old souldiers of *Dampier* and *Bucquoy* marcht through this way from *Bohemia* and *Bauaria*, to the ayd of *Tilly*, who lies vpon the maine about *Ascheburge*. The Baron of *Anhalt* with the forces of the Archbishop of *Cullen* (5000. in number) are ioyned with him: the Bishop of *Wirtzburg* hath also sent him great supplies; so that he is thought to be neere vpon 30000. strong.

*From Oppenheim June 2.*

Our Generall *Don Gonzales de Cordona* in the absence of *Mansfield*, finding his passage cleere to ioine with Monsieur *Tilly*, hath drawne out what cōpanyes he can, out of all our Garrisons here, and are confident when they are once ioyned to see themselves masters of the field: we haue also broken downe the further end of our *Rhine* bridge, to prevent a surprise, if *Mansfield* should returne: and wee are about to build another bridge at *Stein* castle.

*From Ascheburge June 7.*

The *Mansfeldians* comming on towards the maine, to make way for *Brunswickes* ioyning with them; purposed to take our towne and passage here, for which they sent their vantguard led by *Margraue Charles*, second sonne to *Baden*, the father then (and *Mansfield* too) had the gout: but wee hauing assurance from Monsieur *Tilly* that he would come in to our rescue; defended vs against them, and they were faine to retire; Monsieur *Tilly* following in their reare with an Army too strong for them we hope.

*From*



*From Manheim June 2. Stilo veteri.*

We are now come againe to this towne, by great marches, *Tilley* hauing some horses armed, cap a pee: wee retreated the same way we marched vp. On Tuesday night last, we came from *Dermstat*, lying that night in Armes: On Wednesday we made towards *Oppenheim* bridge, encamping about *Gerah*. On Thursday with a long march we came beneath *Bensheim*: On Friday morning our Army parted from the Marquesse of *Badens*, taking two severall wayes towards *Lorsch*, which was appoynted for the Rendezvous: this was thought vpon, lest the enemy should get in betwixt vs and *Manheim*, for that he first that morning marcht vp close to vs beginning to skirmish.

*From Franckendale. June 2.*

Some of our troups who went along with Count *Mansfield* into *Dermstat* report, that they neuer saw braue seruice, till they saw *Mansfields* gallant retreat, which he made thence to *Manheim* in the head of the enemy: The Marquesse of *Badens* sonne also did brauely, charging twice with his horse, and when they were repulsed by *Tilleys* Cuirassiers, he with cappe in hand, and on his knee, entreated them to come on againe, but his *Germans* were quite out of courage.

*From Manheim June 2.*

My Lord of *Bellfast* arriuing the last of Maie, the Kings Army put in hither June the first: after some two or threedayes spent in quartering the Army without, and in complements within, the King of *Bohemia* was perswaded to stay within, and to submit himselfe to the treaty of *Bruxels*, and in the meane time to subscribe to a cessation from Armes: To which the Count *Mansfield* (after much perswasion) consented and subscribed.

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*From*

*From Berghstract Iune 6.*

Monſieur Tilley hauing put our Kings Army into *Manheim*, took another reſolution to find out *Brunſwicke*, came vp our Countrey, leauing *Vmſtat* and the forreſt of *Ottenwaldt* on the right hand, and on the Eaſt, paſſed through *Dermſtat* land into the Countrey of *Erpach*, and leauing *Franckefurderwaldt* on their left, and on the North, went directly towards *Hanaw*, purpoſing (as we heard) to lay a bridge over the *Main*, betweene *Hanaw* and *Steynem*, to go over to *Brunſwicke*.

*From Steynem Iune 7.*

The Bridge which the *Banarians* began to lay over the *Main*, being halfe built, is in all haſte taken vp againe, and they retreated hence towards *Eberſtat*: we know no reaſon why, vnleſſe peradventure *Brunſwicke* being too neere, hauing notice of it, might come and diſturbe their paſſage.

*From the Wetternew Iune 7.*

The Duke of *Brunſwicke* hath beene ſome while amongſt vs here, at *Rodingbach*, *Kirckberg*, *Friaburge* and *Nidda* in the *Landtgrane* of *Heſſens* Countrey, who hath ayded him with 2000. horſe, and as many foot.

*From Mullhaufen Iune 4.*

The Duke Elektor of *Saxony*, hath here a faire Army about this towne, vpon the riuer *Weſer*, on the frontiers of *Duringen* and *Heſſen*; which place he chafes, either to hinder *Brunſwicke* from comming vpward, or he may thence when he pleaſes, paſſe his army downe againſt the Duke.

*From Heſſen Iune 9.*

Our Prince the *Landtgrane*, is gone to the Duke of *Saxony*, who hath neere vs a great army afoote, to perſwade with him, either to ſtand neuter, or not to fall downe vpon the *Palatinate*.

*From*

*From Franckford June 8.*

*Tilley* hauing broken his bridge at *Steynem*; retired towards *Eberstat* in *Dermstadt* land, and thence he rose with all speed; and passing the *Main* at *Archeburg*, marcht by *Hanaw*, and is this night scene by vs here: he hath a full confidence to beate the Duke of *Brunswicke*: he hath a most braue army of old souldiers.

*From Franckford June 13.*

We heare with vs for certaine, that the *English* Ambassadour sent two Gentlemen of his to treat with *Don Cordona* and *Monseieur Tilley* about a cessation from armes: *Cordona* answered, that though the Arch-duchesse had written to him to that purpose, yet he could doe nothing without *Tilley*. *Tilley* answered, he would first heare from the Emperour and his maister of *Bauaria*; till when he would goon.

*From Bruxells June 12.*

Here are arrived two Ambassadors, one *Paulus Andreas* for the King of *Bohemia*, and a doctor of Laws for the Marquesse of *Baden*; they came by the Arch-duchesse safe conduct and conuoy, to treat about a cessation: about the same time also, arrived another Commission with new instructions from the Emperour to his Ambassadour, the Count *Swartzenberg*, to hasten (as tis thought) the conclusion for peace.

*From Odenburgh in Hungary June 8.*

The Emperour, the King of *Denmarkes* Ambassadour, *Bethlem Gabors* Ambassadour, the Lord *Budiani* and *Turso*, with the States of *Hungarie*, are here about a treatie of peace: wee hope of good and speedy successe.

*From Heidelberg June 8.*

Hither are come some of the Marques of *Badens* troupes.



who hauing consented to a cessation: some of his men are receiued into garrison here, as also at *Manheim*, and *Frankendale*: my Lord Ambassadour hauing entertained them into our King of *Englands* pay for three or foure weeks, till the euent of the treaty of *Bruxels* be expected.

*From Hoeft in Ments Iune 9.*

*Brunswicke* on Thursday last in the night, came to summon our towne: but we refusing to parley, he bent his cannon vpon vs, and brought on more men; so that after the third summons, we seeing no ayde, our men were faine to quit both Towne and Castle, which the enemy presently entred, slaying all the souldiers he found in it, because they would not accept of quarter.

*From Eberstat Iune 10.*

Hereabouts on Friday morning, about day light, three cornets of *Brunswickes* horse hauing passed the *Mays*, light vpon some companies of *Tilleys* foote, whereof they killed some hundred, and caried away 70. prisoners: the Countrey were well rid of them both.

*From Hoeft Iune 12.*

On Monday last, the two Armies hauing faced one another since Saterdag, fell to skirmish; *Brunswicke* had entrencht himselfe vpon the aduantage of a climbing hill, hauing a marish before him, to secure that side. Monsieur *Tilley* still put his cannon before his horse, so that he both beat the other, and kept them off also from hurting of his: the Duke being enforced to hitch vp the hill; *Tilley* draws vp his cannon on the other side, with which he sore beat the enemy from the higher ground, so that he was forced to retreat disorderly ouer his bridge, which brake; so that he lost his cannon and baggage, and a great company of souldiers, horse and foote.

*From*

*From Franckesford, Iune 14.*

On Munday last, wee from off our Walls, beheld the defeate of *Brunswicke*, occasioned by his Carriages, which overthrong'd his bridge and brake it. Of his losse, they that report least, confesse 1000. and they that say most, keepe within 4000. He had but 3. pieces of Canon, of which one brake with often discharging, and the second was dismounted by Mounsier *Tilleys* cannon, and the third was taken. Mounsier *Tilley* had 12. or 13. Cannon or more in the field.

*From Manhem Iune 13.*

On Whitsunday, the messenger sent by my Lord Ambassador to *Cordona* and *Tilley*, returned with a flat negative answer. Whereupon Count *Mansfield* resolved the next morning to goe breake downe the rest of *Oppenheim* Bridge, or *Meine* Bridge, thereby to diuert *Gonsales* to looke homeward : But a message receyued, how *Brunswicke* beeing beaten, was hastening thitherward : the horse were recald, and 6000. sent to meet the Duke, and the rest of the Armie drawne out into the *Bergstract*, for feare the Enemy should pursue him on this side the water, And now are *Mansfield* and *Brunswicke* ioyned.

*From Hookshed in Hessen, Iune 14.*

Some five hundred of *Brunswickes* men, which could not passe the *Mayn* after the bridge was broken, saued themselves here : but Monsieur *Tilley* hearing of it, came and summond them to render vpon souldier-like compositions which they accepting, had no good quarter kept with them, but were all put to the sword in cold blood.

*From Hessen, Iune 15.*

Monsieur *Tilley* hauing threatned to fall vpon our *Land-*

*graves countrey*, for ayding of *Brunswicke*, and for that his souldiers were harboured at *Hockes-hed*, the Baron of *Anholt* is indeed fallen on, and hath already burnt and spoiled some dorpes.

*From Berghstaert June 15.*

Diuers broken companies of *Brunswickes* army, as they came rawly themselves together, come daily this way, towards him at *Manheim*, so that his losse is not so great as it was at first beleecued.

*From Spiers June 18.*

The Arch-Duke *Leopoldus*, having receiued supplies out of *Italy*, by the passage of the *Veltolina*, led by Signior *Aldobrandin*, is come vp, either to besiege *Hagenaw* againe, or to ioine with *Tilley*. Count *Mansfield* is said to bee come downe into *Alsatia*, and we feare there haue beene some blowes betweene them: wherein some say *Mansfield* has againe the better: But time will tell the truth.







